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*I do not expect to stimulate or create heroism by this fund, knowing well that heroic action is impulsive; but I do believe that, if the hero is injured in his bold attempt to serve or save his fellows, he and those dependent upon him should not suffer pecuniarily.*

—Andrew Carnegie

## *Carnegie Hero Fund Commission*

Established April 15, 1904, by Andrew Carnegie, the Carnegie Hero Fund Commission was created to recognize outstanding acts of selfless heroism performed in the United States and Canada.

Recognition in all acts considered worthy by the Commission consists of a medal. It may also include, in acts in which disabling injuries are sustained by the rescuer, a supplemental continuing grant; in acts in which the rescuer loses his or her life, financial assistance for the surviving dependents; and in acts in which no disablement is sustained, grants for education or other worthy purposes in the lives of the rescuers.

Recommendations for awards may be made by an individual having knowledge of such outstanding acts of bravery, and should be sent directly to the Commission. Awards are open to all citizens and visitors of the two countries under regulations presented in detail on subsequent pages of this report.

Each recommended act is investigated as to fact and degree of risk involved and is evaluated by the Commission on the basis of results of the investigation.

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## *Deed of Trust*

*To the Hero Fund Commission:*

Gentlemen: We live in a heroic age. Not seldom are we thrilled by deeds of heroism where men or women are injured or lose their lives in attempting to preserve or rescue their fellows; such the heroes of civilization. The heroes of barbarism maimed or killed theirs.

I have long felt that the heroes and those dependent upon them should be freed from pecuniary cares resulting from their heroism, and, as a fund for this purpose, I have transferred to the Commission five million dollars of First Collateral Five Per Cent. Bonds of the United States Steel Corporation, the proceeds to be used as follows:

FIRST. To place those following peaceful vocations, who have been injured in heroic effort to save human life, in somewhat better positions pecuniarily than before, until again able to work. In case of death, the widow and children, or other dependents, to be provided for until she remarries, and the children until they reach a self-supporting age. For exceptional children exceptional grants may be made for exceptional education. Grants of sums of money may also be made to heroes or heroines as the Commission thinks advisable—each case to be judged on its merits.

SECOND. No grant is to be continued unless it be soberly and properly used, and the recipients remain respectable, well-behaved members of the community, but the heroes and heroines are to be given a fair trial, no matter what their antecedents. Heroes deserve pardon and a fresh start.

THIRD. A medal shall be given to the hero, or widow, or next of kin, which shall recite the heroic deed it commemorates, that descendants may know and be proud of their descent. The medal shall be given for the heroic act, even if the doer be uninjured, and also a sum of money, should the Commission deem such gift desirable.

FOURTH. Many cities provide pensions for policemen, firemen, teachers, and others, and some may give rewards for acts of heroism. All these and other facts the Commission will take into account and act accordingly in making grants. Nothing could be further from my intention than to deaden or interfere with these most creditable provisions, doubly precious as showing

public and municipal appreciation of faithful and heroic service. I ask from the Commission most careful guard against this danger. The medal can, of course, be offered in such cases. Whether something more can not judiciously be done, at the request of, or with the approval of, the city authorities, the Commission shall determine. I hope there can be.

FIFTH. The claims upon the Fund for some years can not exhaust it. After years, however, pensioners will become numerous. Should the Commission find, after allowing liberally for this, that a surplus will remain, it has power to make grants in case of accidents (preferably where a hero has appeared) to those injured. The action taken in the recent Harwick Mine accident, where Heroes Taylor and Lyle lost their lives, is an illustration. The community first raised a fund of forty thousand dollars, which was duplicated by me after waiting until the generosity of the community had full scope. Here again the Commission should be exceedingly careful, as in this case, not to deaden, but to stimulate employers or communities to do their part, for such action benefits givers themselves as well as recipients.

SIXTH. It seems probable that cities and employers on this continent will ultimately be placed under similar conditions to those of Britain, Germany, and other European States, and required to provide against accidents to employees. Therefore, the Commission, by a two-thirds vote, may devote any surplus that accrues beyond providing for heroes and their dependents (which provision must never be abandoned) to such other modes of benefiting those in want, chiefly caused through no fault of their own (such as drunkenness, laziness, crimes, etc.) but through exceptional circumstances, in such manner and to such extent as the Commission thinks advisable and likely to do more good than if such sums were given to those injured by accident, where the latter may be suitably provided for by law, or otherwise.

SEVENTH. The field embraced by the Fund is the United States of America, the Dominion of Canada, the Colony of Newfoundland, and the waters thereof. The sea is the scene of many heroic acts. No action more heroic than that of doctors and nurses volunteering their services in the case of epidemics. Railroad employees are remarkable for heroism. All these and similar cases are embraced. Whenever heroism is displayed by man or woman in saving human life, the Fund applies.

EIGHTH. No personal liability will attach to members for any act of the Commission. The Commission has power to fill vacancies.

NINTH. The Commission has full power to sell, invest, or reinvest all funds; to employ all officials, including Secretary, traveling agents to visit and oversee beneficiaries, etc., and to fix their compensation. Members of the Commis-

sion shall be reimbursed all expenses incurred, including traveling expenses attending meetings. The President shall be granted such honoraria as the Commission thinks proper and as he can be prevailed upon to accept.

TENTH. An annual report, including a detailed statement of sums and medals granted and the reasons therefor, shall be made each year and published in at least one newspaper in the principal cities of the countries embraced by the Fund. A finely executed roll of the heroes and heroines shall be kept displayed in the office at Pittsburgh.

New York, March 12th, 1904

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Andrew Carnegie". The ink is dark and the handwriting is fluid, with a prominent initial 'A'.

Witness

Louise Whitfield Carnegie



## *The Carnegie Medal*



The Carnegie Medal is awarded to one who, at the risk of his or her own life, saves or attempts to save the life of another person.

Mr. Carnegie's embossed profile dominates the front of the medal. On the reverse side in low relief are shown the geographical outlines of the United States and Canada, the countries to which the Fund applies. In higher relief the seals of these countries are shown, with the United States below the inscription plate, and Canada and Newfoundland at the top left and right of it, respectively.

Relief work surrounding the inscription plate reveals a sprig of laurel underneath and sprigs of ivy, oak, and thistle at the top. Laurel typifies glory; ivy, friendship; oak, strength; and thistle, persistency. Encircling the relief work is a quotation from the New Testament (John XV, 13): "Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends."



## *Requirements for a Carnegie Medal*

There must be conclusive evidence that the person performing the act voluntarily risked his or her own life to an extraordinary degree in saving or attempting to save the life of another person, or voluntarily sacrificed himself or herself in a heroic manner for the benefit of others.

The act of rescue must be one in which no full measure of responsibility exists between the rescuer and the rescued.

The act must have been performed in the United States, Canada, or the waters thereof and must be brought to the attention of the Commission within two years of the date of the rescue.

Persons *not* eligible for awards are: those whose duties in following their regular vocations require them to perform such acts, unless the rescues are clearly beyond the line of duty; members of the armed services; children considered by the Commission to be too young to comprehend the risks involved; and members of the same family, except in cases of outstanding heroism where the rescuer loses his or her life or is severely injured.

### **Awards**

A medal is presented to the person performing the act or, in case of death, to the widow, widower, or the next of kin.

When a rescuer loses his or her life in the performance of an act, contributions may be made toward the livelihood of the dependents, and contributions may also be made toward the support and education of the deceased rescuer's children. If the rescuer is disabled in the performance of the act, periodic contributions may be made to his or her livelihood. If the rescuer be uninjured, a monetary grant may nevertheless be made, should the Commission deem such gift desirable.

The benefits to be paid and the manner of payment are determined by the Commission after consideration of the circumstances of each awardee. Continuing benefits are paid only if there is clear need for such assistance and only if such benefits are soberly and properly used and the recipients remain respectable members of their communities.

## *Heroic acts recognized during 1990*

*The following persons were cited by the Carnegie Hero Fund Commission in 1990 for having performed outstanding acts of heroism. Each of them, or the next of kin in cases of death, received the Carnegie Medal and a \$2,500 grant.*

### **LeROY ADEN**

Fletcher, North Carolina

**LeRoy Aden rescued Christopher T. Phillips from assault, Skyland, North Carolina, February 11, 1990.** Phillips, 23, a state highway patrolman, was questioning the driver of a car that he had just stopped, near a service station, when the driver fled on foot. Phillips chased and caught him, and a struggle ensued, during which the man took Phillips's gun from its holster. Aden, 47, attendant at the service station, ran to aid Phillips. Seeing that the assailant had a gun, Aden approached from behind and grasped him around the neck, then locked both hands on the assailant's gun hand. Aden pulled the assailant off Phillips, who then regained his footing and secured the gun, which the assailant had fired during the scuffle. Aden held onto the assailant while Phillips handcuffed him. During his struggle with the assailant, Aden sustained a bite to his right wrist, but he recovered.

**64761-7490**

### **JOHN KELLY AIENA, deceased**

Beaumont, Texas

**John Kelly Aiena died attempting to save George D. Comeaux from drowning, Port Arthur, Texas, May 26, 1989.** Comeaux, 38, floundered in the waters of a Sabine Lake marina after falling from a breakwater. Fishing nearby from the breakwater, Aiena, 44, chemical plant operator, immediately entered the water for Comeaux and swam about 100 feet to him. He grasped Comeaux and attempted to swim to the breakwater. Comeaux lost consciousness. Pulled from the water shortly by others who had arrived, he was hospitalized but died two days later. Aiena submerged in the waters of the marina. He was recovered about three hours later; he had drowned.

**64113-7414**

### **ANTHONY D. AMBROSIO**

Smithtown, New York

**Anthony D. Ambrosio saved Leslie J. Wissner from burning, Smithtown, New York, August 11, 1989.** Miss Wissner, 24, was the driver of a car that, at night, struck a utility pole, then overturned. Live electrical lines from the pole sagged near and contacted the car, and Miss Wissner and a passenger, both injured and hanging upside down from their seats, called for help. Ambrosio, 20, college student, and a friend drove upon the scene, observed the overturned car, and stopped. Ambrosio approached the car, reached inside, and seized the passenger, but he received an electrical shock. When fire erupted on the exposed undercarriage of the car, Ambrosio's friend removed the passenger, and, despite the possibility of additional shocks, Ambrosio reached inside, grasped Miss Wissner, and pulled her out through the open window of the passenger door. Miss Wissner required hospital treatment for injuries received in the accident, and she recovered.

64325-7468

### **GORDON SCOTT ANDERSON**

Edmonds, Washington

**Gordon Scott Anderson saved Barbara A. Currier from drowning, Fort Lauderdale, Florida, February 15, 1989.** Mrs. Currier, 30, was caught in a rip current in the Atlantic Ocean when she entered the water to rescue her two sons, who had also been carried out by the current. Alerted to the situation, Anderson, 30, college student, immediately ran into the water and swam to Mrs. Currier. Alternating his holds and strokes, Anderson swam, with difficulty, against the current, taking Mrs. Currier to wadable water, from which others assisted her ashore. Mrs. Currier was taken to the hospital for treatment, and she recovered. Her sons were saved by others.

64278-7433

### **WILLIAM MATTHEW ARNDT**

Middlebury, Connecticut

**William Matthew Arndt saved Edward C. Gaylord from burning, Middlebury, Connecticut, April 27, 1989.** Following a highway accident at night, Gaylord, 29, was inside his overturned and burning car. Arndt, 26, arrived on the scene and, despite growing flames, approached the driver's side of the car. Seeing Gaylord in the rear seat area, Arndt went to the passenger side of the car and attempted to open its rear door, but the door was jammed. Arndt then kicked at the glass of that door, shattering it. Partially entering the car, in which heat was intense, he grasped Gaylord, who greatly outweighed him, and pulled him out. Flames increased, destroying the car. Gaylord required hospital treatment for injuries sustained in the accident, and he recovered.

64028-7454

**RICKY DON BAILEY**

Zachary, Louisiana

**Ricky Don Bailey attempted to help save Brice L. Willis from drowning, St. Francisville, Louisiana, August 6, 1989.** Brice, 8, was part of a group that was spending the evening at Thompson Creek. He was wading when he stepped into a hole and submerged in deep water. Bailey, 31, welder, and another man were alerted to the incident and immediately ran to the scene. Although he had a fused shoulder, the result of an injury he sustained several years earlier which then limited his swimming ability, Bailey entered the water and began to swim toward Brice. He tired, then struggled to stay afloat, and he called for help. The other man towed Bailey back to the bank. Brice was saved by another rescuer. Exhausted, Bailey was treated at the hospital for having nearly drowned, and he recovered. 64791-7494

**JOEY CHARLES BARNETT**

Lafayette, Louisiana

**Joey Charles Barnett helped to save Steven M. Clanton from drowning, Fort Pierce, Florida, May 21, 1989.** Playing in the Atlantic Ocean, Steven, 10, was carried away from shore by a current. He called for help. Walking on the beach nearby, Barnett, 34, college student, waded and swam to Steven. He told Steven to float on his back, then grasped him and began to swim to shore, towing him. A struggle ensued, and Barnett was submerged. He and Steven drifted apart. Having swallowed seawater and becoming nearly exhausted, Barnett was rescued by a man who had swum out to him with a raft. Thus taken to wadable water, Barnett was dragged onto the beach. Steven, meanwhile, swam and was helped to shore by others. Both were taken to the hospital; Steven was not injured, but Barnett was detained for eight days after complications of having nearly drowned arose. He recovered in about two weeks. 64126-7429

**IRENE J. BEATON**

Lindsay, Ontario

**Irene J. Beaton helped to rescue Dorothy M. Blackhall from assault, Lindsay, Ontario, July 4, 1989.** Mrs. Blackhall, 72, was in her cottage when a man armed with a knife broke in and began to stab her. Alerted to the break-in, two neighbors, including Mrs. Beaton, 67, went to the cottage, where they heard Mrs. Blackhall scream. While the other neighbor went to call police, Mrs. Beaton ran to a window of the cottage and shouted inside for the assailant to stop the attack. The assailant immediately ran out of the cottage and began to attack Mrs. Beaton, inflicting knife wounds to her right arm. The neighbor who had called police then arrived; she picked up a lawn chair and approached the assailant, shouting at him to release Mrs. Beaton. The



assailant released Mrs. Beaton, dropped the knife, and fled. Mrs. Blackhall was hospitalized for lacerations to her eyes and face which required suturing. Mrs. Beaton was treated at the hospital for lacerations to her right arm; she recovered.

64252-7479

### **EARNEST BLEACH**

Savannah, Georgia

**Earnest Bleach attempted to save James W. Hitch from drowning, Savannah, Georgia, June 30, 1989.** While swimming in the Skidaway River, James, 9, was carried away from his raft by an outgoing tide. As James attempted to swim against the current back to the raft, Bleach, 23, lawn maintenance man, who was working nearby, entered the water and began to swim toward James. En route, Bleach struggled against the current, called for help, and submerged. A man in a rowboat retrieved James and Bleach and took them to safety. Bleach was hospitalized two days for having nearly drowned, and he recovered.

64230-7460

### **DENISE BOCZEK**

Camarillo, California

**Denise Boczek helped to save Daniel F. Brown from drowning, Oxnard, California, June 22, 1989.** Playing near the beach in shallow water of the Pacific Ocean, Daniel, 7, was knocked down by a wave and carried into deeper water by the current. He called for help, and a woman swam to him but was unable to make progress toward shore with him. She then called for help. On the beach nearby, Mrs. Boczek, 31, realtor, was alerted to the situation. She immediately entered the water and, despite the large waves and strong current, swam to Daniel and the woman. Taking Daniel from the woman, Mrs. Boczek swam back to wadable water, submerging en route. With difficulty, they waded through the breakers to shore. Daniel was taken to the hospital for observation, but he was not injured.

64195-7411

### **JAMES BOWMAN**

Marysville, California

**James Bowman saved Debra J. Powell and Geneva L. Mundy from burning, Marysville, California, May 17, 1989.** Mrs. Powell, 26, and her mother, Mrs. Mundy, 61, were inside their mobile home when fire broke out in the living room just after midnight. A neighbor, Bowman, 41, goldsmith, saw the flames and ran to the mobile home's rear door, which he forced open. Entering the mobile home near the kitchen, he found Mrs. Powell in the nearby hall, and he escorted her outside. Learning that Mrs. Powell's mother was inside, Bowman re-entered the mobile home, in which flames had by then spread to the kitchen, and found Mrs. Mundy in a bedroom. He grasped Mrs.

Mundy and, passing beneath flames, took her to the back door, where he picked her up and carried her outside to safety. The mobile home was shortly engulfed in flames, which also spread to a neighboring mobile home. Mrs. Powell and Mrs. Mundy were treated at the hospital for smoke inhalation, and they recovered. Bowman was given oxygen at the scene and also treated at the hospital for smoke inhalation, and he too recovered. 64090-7451

### **WILLIAM D. BRADSHAW**

Valdese, North Carolina

**William D. Bradshaw saved an indeterminate number of persons from a possible explosion, Morganton, North Carolina, March 21, 1989.** Bradshaw, 36, security officer, was alerted to escaping propane gas from an opened valve of a tank outside one of the residential cottages of the state institution where he was employed. When he arrived at the scene, he found that the highly flammable gas had formed a large, white cloud that was beginning to enter the basement of the cottage, where the slightest source of ignition would have precipitated an explosion. Bradshaw immediately entered the cloud and turned off the valve, then left for pliers and re-entered the cloud to tighten it. He then helped to evacuate the cottage, some of the residents of which were not ambulatory. The cloud soon dissipated, ceasing threat. 64595-7472

### **MARC BRANCH**

Paquetville, New Brunswick

**Marc Branch rescued Renee Lanteigne from burning, Paquetville, New Brunswick, October 14, 1987.** Renee, 16, was trapped inside an overturned and burning car following a highway accident. Branch, 27, electronics technician who lived nearby, was alerted to the accident. He went to the scene and attempted, without success, to open the driver's door, then went to the front passenger door, but flames and intense heat drove him back. Branch returned to the driver's door and, despite growing flames, partially entered the car, grasped Renee, and pulled her out. Branch and another man carried Renee away from the burning car moments before it exploded and was engulfed in flame. Renee was severely burned and required extensive hospitalization. Branch required hospital treatment for second-degree burns to his hands and wrists, and he recovered. 63925-7420

### **KURT A. BUFFINGTON, deceased**

Petoskey, Michigan

**Kurt A. Buffington died attempting to save Shane C. Kulchyski from drowning, Marquette, Michigan, October 4, 1988.** Kulchyski, 18, was swept off a breakwater by a large wave into a harbor of Lake Superior. He called for help.

A friend who was nearby on the breakwater, Buffington, 18, college student, immediately removed his jacket and boots, ran out onto the breakwater, and dived into the 47-degree water. He swam to Kulchyski, who had submerged several times. Buffington remained with Kulchyski for several minutes, after which both men submerged and did not reappear. They were recovered from the lake the following day, both having succumbed to the effects of their ordeal.

64222-7434

### KAREN AMES CAYLOR

Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

**Karen Ames Caylor saved Nancy W. Dudding from drowning, Naples, Florida, May 16, 1989.** Mrs. Dudding, 59, was unable to escape her car, which was sinking after having entered the eight-foot-deep water of a canal. Mrs. Caylor, 29, who was nearby, ran to the canal, entered it, and swam to the car. She submerged but was not able to open the driver's door. After surfacing for air, she submerged again and was successful in opening the door. She then extended her upper body inside the car, which continued to sink, and searched for Mrs. Dudding. Unable to locate her, Mrs. Caylor surfaced for air again, then, in additional dives, she located Mrs. Dudding in the car, pulled her out, and pushed her to the surface of the water. She then helped Mrs. Dudding to the bank of the canal, where arriving policemen removed them from the water.

64096-7423

### LEWIS DALE COLLINS

Lawrenceville, Georgia

**Lewis Dale Collins rescued Vanessa C. Platt from burning, Lawrenceville, Georgia, March 2, 1990.** Miss Platt, 18, was trapped in the passenger seat of a burning car following a highway accident. Hearing the accident from his nearby home, Collins, 46, electrical worker, went to the scene and, despite growing flames, which spread inside the car to its dashboard, opened the passenger door of the car and leaned inside. He attempted to pull Miss Platt from the car but found that her legs were caught in the wreckage. After kicking at the wreckage, Collins again seized Miss Platt, and he pulled her from the car. Miss Platt was hospitalized for treatment of injuries received during the accident, including a third-degree burn to one foot, from which she recovered.

64820-7505

### EDWIN V. CROWTHER

Fort Lauderdale, Florida

**Edwin V. Crowther attempted to save Barbara A. Currier from drowning, Fort Lauderdale, Florida, February 15, 1989.** Mrs. Currier, 30, was caught in a rip current in the Atlantic Ocean when she entered the water to rescue her two sons, who had also been carried out by the current. Observing her



plight, Crowther, 36, hotel manager, immediately entered the water and swam to her. Together they attempted to return to shore, but they made little progress against the current, and both quickly tired. Another man swam out and rescued Mrs. Currier, who was then taken to the hospital for treatment. Semi-conscious, Crowther was washed to wadable water, from which he was removed by bystanders. He too was taken to the hospital for treatment. Both he and Mrs. Currier recovered. Mrs. Currier's sons were saved by others.

64277-7432

**CLAYTON M. CUTTER**, deceased  
Mammoth Lakes, California

**Clayton M. Cutter died attempting to help save four persons from drowning, Mammoth Lakes, California, February 19, 1990.** Three teen-aged boys, on an outing with 13 others from a private camp, floundered in the 34-degree water of Convict Lake, Inyo National Forest, after breaking through the ice about 675 feet from the bank. Attempting to rescue them, one of their counselors also broke through the ice. Alerted from his home nearby, Cutter, 31, forestry technician, moved out onto the ice, with a length of rope, as did another of the boys' counselors. At the edge of the open water, Cutter worked to pull the victims back onto the ice and was doing so upon the arrival of the fire department and other rescue personnel, who had responded to the scene with ropes, ladders, and a small boat that had been secured nearby. During the ensuing rescue activity, Cutter and two of the firemen broke through the ice, joining the other counselor, who had also entered the open water. The three boys, the two counselors, one of the firemen, and Cutter all drowned.

64735-7498

**FRASER MAXWELL DEAN**, deceased  
Montrose, Michigan

**Fraser Maxwell Dean died after helping to save Kimberley A. Dean from drowning, Orange Beach, Alabama, March 30, 1989.** Kimberley, 15, was wading in the Gulf of Mexico when she was carried into water over her head by a strong current. She called for help. Her father's cousin, Dean, 51, superintendent of education, was on shore; he waded and swam to her. Dean pushed Kimberley repeatedly against the current toward shore, until she was able to cover the remaining distance on her own. Dean collapsed in the water. Unconscious, he was taken to shore by others, but efforts to revive him were unsuccessful.

63967-7442

**JOHN E. DEDON**, deceased  
Jackson, Louisiana

**John E. Dedon died attempting to save Brice L. Willis from drowning, St. Francisville, Louisiana, August 6, 1989.** Brice, 8, and Dedon, 42, truck driver,

were part of a group that was spending the evening at Thompson Creek. Brice was wading when he stepped into a hole and submerged in deep water. Dedon immediately waded toward him, stepping into the same hole. Dedon grasped Brice and supported him, but a struggle ensued. Dedon's stepson then swam to them and removed Brice to safety, but Dedon drowned.

64245-7493

### **CURTIS C. DENNISON**

Irwin, Pennsylvania

**Curtis C. Dennison saved Linda J. Gardner from burning, Lewisville, Ohio, October 28, 1989.** Mrs. Gardner, 38, remained in the front seat of her car after an accident in which the car struck two natural gas meters, rupturing a one-inch line. Having heard the accident, Dennison, 35, truck driver, who lived nearby, went to the scene and, as gas escaped from the line adjacent to the car, forced open a jammed rear door. Entering the car, Dennison grasped Mrs. Gardner and pulled her over the front seat; he then pulled Mrs. Gardner from the car and carried her up an embankment to the road. Moments later, the gas ignited and engulfed the car in flames. Mrs. Gardner was hospitalized five days for her injuries, from which she recovered.

64529-7484

### **RICKY LEE DEWEY, deceased**

Lexington, Nebraska

**Ricky Lee Dewey died after attempting to save David W. Struempfer from drowning, Bertrand, Nebraska, August 6, 1989.** Struempfer, 19, a non-swimmer, fell from a bridge into the Tri-County Canal and was carried downstream. His cousin, Dewey, 27, farm hand, entered the water and waded and swam to him. A struggle ensued, during which Dewey was submerged repeatedly. Another man entered the water and swam to Struempfer, who was by then unconscious, and towed him to the bank where Struempfer revived. Dewey drowned.

64544-7507

### **DONALD LEE DOBSON**

Reading, Pennsylvania

**Donald Lee Dobson saved Adele T. Bullick from burning, Spring City, Pennsylvania, May 26, 1988.** Mrs. Bullick, 62, was in her third-floor apartment when fire broke out in the bedroom. Dobson, 31, maintenance superintendent, was working on the building's roof when he saw smoke. He entered the building and ran to Mrs. Bullick's apartment, where he broke down her locked door. Dobson entered the apartment's living room but was forced out by dense smoke, which precluded visibility. After catching his breath, Dobson crawled toward Mrs. Bullick's bedroom and found her on the floor, in the bedroom doorway. He seized Mrs. Bullick and, crawling backward, dragged

her from the apartment. Both Dobson and Mrs. Bullick were hospitalized overnight for smoke inhalation, and they recovered. 63152-7410

**TIMOTHY L. DONOGHUE**

Ojai, California

**Timothy L. Donoghue helped to rescue Denise R. Reid from burning, Oak View, California, February 5, 1990.** Miss Reid, 19, was semi-conscious in the front seat of a burning car after a highway accident, her foot pinned between the seat and passenger door. Traveling nearby with another man, Donoghue, 43, saw the fire and ran to the car. While the other man attempted to remove Miss Reid from the car, Donoghue went to call help. Returning to the scene, he and the other man extended their upper bodies through the opened driver's door into the car, the front end of which was engulfed in flames. Although flames extended to the dashboard through the opening of the windshield, which was missing, Donoghue and the other man freed Miss Reid, pulled her from the car, and carried her to safety. The car was shortly engulfed in flame. Miss Reid was hospitalized nine days for second-degree burns to her left hip and back and other injuries. Donoghue sustained a strained back. 64766-7503

**ELBON JOSEPH DUCOTE, deceased**

Bunkie, Louisiana

**Elbon Joseph Ducote died attempting to save Bryan C. LaCombe from drowning, Mansura, Louisiana, July 21, 1989.** Bryan, 8, was playing in a branch of the Old River, near a boat landing, as Ducote, 62, retired, was removing a motorboat from the water. Ducote saw that Bryan was in difficulty and, despite a history of heart trouble, immediately entered the water for him. He swam to Bryan, who was about 50 feet from the bank, and both of them submerged and resurfaced several times. Bryan was rescued by others. Ducote, who was retrieved from beneath the surface of the water, was taken to the bank by others, but he could not be revived. 64283-7450

**CHRISTINE v.G. DUEMLER**

Monroe, Wisconsin

**Christine v.G. Duemler saved Shirley N. Bordson from a runaway automobile, Madison, Wisconsin, June 13, 1988.** Miss Bordson, 41, was slumped over the steering wheel of her car, which was traveling south in the north-bound lanes of a busy urban thoroughfare. Driving on the same highway, Mrs. Duemler, 33, homemaker, had seen Miss Bordson's car enter the north-bound lanes, and she immediately pulled to the side of the highway and parked. Mrs. Duemler then ran into the northbound lanes and caught up

to Miss Bordson's car, approaching it on the passenger side. As the car maintained traveling against traffic, Mrs. Duemler opened the passenger door and entered the car. Miss Bordson revived, and she accelerated the car. As northbound traffic swerved to avoid them, Mrs. Duemler took the car out of gear and applied its hand brake, stopping it. 64167-7453

### KURT ERNST

Rochester, New York

**Kurt Ernst saved Nina C. and Charles N. Troche, Jr., from burning, Rochester, New York, December 2, 1989.** Charles, 2, and his sister, Nina, 6 months old, were in a bedroom of their family's first-floor apartment when fire erupted in another room and quickly filled the apartment with dense smoke. Ernst, 31, meter reader, was driving in the neighborhood when he saw the fire. Seeing hands in a window of the bedroom, Ernst pulled himself up to the level of the window and broke out its glass. Despite dense smoke in the room and flames spreading nearby, he climbed into the apartment and, with visibility virtually obscured by smoke, found Charles about eight feet away. He took Charles to the window and handed him to a person outside, then turned back into the room and found Nina and the children's mother on the floor. Ernst took Nina to the window and handed her outside, then attempted to save the children's mother. Arriving firefighters removed the mother and another of her children from the bedroom. Nina and Charles were treated at a hospital for smoke inhalation, and they recovered. Ernst also required hospital treatment for smoke inhalation and for cuts to his hand, and he too recovered. 64606-7511

### CHRISTOPHER FERLAND

Riverside, Rhode Island

**Christopher Ferland helped to save Kimberly A. Scholle from drowning, Narragansett, Rhode Island, May 7, 1989.** Kimberly, 15, was on the rocky shore of the Atlantic Ocean when she was swept into the water by a large wave. Carried away from shore, she shouted for help. Christopher, 16, high school student, jumped in after her, but the rough water kept him at the rocks along the shore. After removing some of his attire, Christopher again entered the water and was successful in swimming to Kimberly, who was then being aided by another youth. When a life ring attached to a rope had been obtained by those on shore and thrown out to them, Christopher swam to retrieve the ring, which he then took back to Kimberly and the other youth. Together they swam and were pulled back to the rocks, where they were helped out of the water by others. Kimberly was treated at the hospital for hypothermia; she recovered. Christopher recovered from scrapes to his legs. 64206-7444



**GREGORY ANDREW FORNIA**

Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

**Gregory Andrew Fornia helped to save Robert E. Stewart from drowning, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, February 7, 1990.** Robert, 9, was pushed from a 20-foot-high wall into the Schuylkill River and, unable to swim, trod water as he moved away from the wall. Nearby, Fornia, 26, graduate student, was alerted to the situation. He ran to the scene, then immediately jumped into the river from the wall and swam to Robert. Grasping Robert with one arm, he swam back to the wall, then realized that he was unable to climb out of the river. Sending others for help, Fornia clung to a pipe that extended from the wall for about 30 minutes, or until arriving police and firemen rescued them with the use of a ladder. Robert was hospitalized two days for hypothermia, and he recovered. Fornia was also treated at the hospital for hypothermia, and he too recovered.

64731-7466

**DONALD I. GORDON**

Lauderdale Lakes, Florida

**Donald I. Gordon saved Eliza N. and Julius E. Williams from burning, Lauderdale Lakes, Florida, April 22, 1989.** Eliza, 1, and Julius, 2, were inside their family's second-floor apartment when fire broke out in the kitchen and filled the apartment with smoke. Alerted to the fire, Gordon, 51, disabled, went to the scene and learned that the apartment was occupied. Despite dense smoke which severely limited visibility, and intense heat, Gordon entered the apartment and searched until he found Eliza and Julius, who were in a bedroom. Gordon picked the children up and began to flee the apartment but became disoriented momentarily and entered the apartment's bathroom. Retracing his steps, Gordon left the apartment, taking the children to safety. He and the children were then taken to the hospital for treatment of smoke inhalation.

64026-7437

**DAVID A. GUILLEN, deceased**

Bell, California

**David A. Guillen died after saving a 13-year-old boy from assault, Bell, California, December 1, 1989.** A 13-year-old boy was pushing his mini-bike along a street when two male juveniles approached, pushed him to the ground, and told him to relinquish the bike. When the boy refused, one of the assailants produced a handgun and pointed it at him. Guillen, 32, truck driver, ran to the boy, shouting at the assailants to let him alone. The assailant with the gun turned to Guillen and shot him, then both assailants fled the scene. Guillen was taken to a hospital, where he was pronounced dead of his wound.

64565-7492

**RICHARD GUSTIN**  
Lagrangeville, New York

**Richard Gustin helped to rescue William E. McElveen, Michael R. Purdin, and George K. Horne from burning, Buchanan, New York, April 11, 1989.** McElveen, 42; Purdin, 27, and Horne, 48, were dazed inside a car that had caught fire in a highway accident. Witnessing the accident, Gustin, 25, security guard, and another man ran to the driver's door of the car and forced it open. After the other man helped McElveen out of the car, Gustin entered its back seat area, grasped Purdin, and pulled him from the car. Gustin and the other man then returned to the car for Horne. After the other man shattered the window of the passenger door with a rock, he and Gustin reached inside, grasped Horne, and pulled him through the window, despite intense heat inside the car and flames which had by then entered it. McElveen, Purdin, and Horne were hospitalized eight days for their injuries, Horne's including second- and third-degree burns to his legs. Gustin sustained minor smoke inhalation, from which he recovered. **63961-7408**

**DWAIN HAMMOND**, deceased  
Jackson, New Jersey

**Dwain Hammond died attempting to help save Susann M. Tallman from electrocution, Whiting, New Jersey, August 16, 1989.** Mrs. Tallman, 82, was semi-conscious inside her car after it left the highway and struck a utility pole, causing 7,200-volt power lines to fall. Driving by, Hammond, 44, real estate investigator, stopped at the scene. As fire broke out in the vicinity of the car, Hammond moved to its passenger side to render help. He made contact with one of the lines, which was suspended near the car, and was fatally shocked. Mrs. Tallman was removed from the car by others. She was hospitalized two weeks for her injuries. **64402-7464**

**GERALD HEINEN**  
Loves Park, Illinois

**Gerald Heinen attempted to rescue Kathryn Y. Zweifel from burning, Ridott, Illinois, August 29, 1988.** Mrs. Zweifel, 79, was inside the car she had been driving after a highway accident in which the car broke into flame. Having witnessed the accident, Heinen, 48, off-duty firefighter, immediately went to the burning car and, despite growing flames on the front of the car and in its interior, crawled through the window of the front passenger door to remove Mrs. Zweifel. After crawling backward out of the car for air, Heinen re-entered, seized Mrs. Zweifel, and pulled her from the car moments before it was engulfed in flames. Heinen required hospital treatment for a second-degree burn to his right hand, and he recovered. Mrs. Zweifel died of her injuries. **63892-7486**

**HAMPTON HENTON, JR.**

Versailles, Kentucky

**Hampton Henton, Jr., helped to save Christopher M. and Brandon C. Currier from drowning, Fort Lauderdale, Florida, February 15, 1989.** Christopher, 10, and his brother, Brandon, 13, were in the Atlantic Ocean when they were caught in a rip current and carried farther out. Unable to swim back to shore, they called for help. Observing their plight from his nearby hotel room, Henton, 40, farmer, ran to the beach, entered the water, and swam out to the boys. Henton joined hands with the boys and, as they held to him and trod water, struggled against the current to return to shore. They made little progress. Bystanders on shore threw one end of a rope to them. Christopher held it and was pulled in. Again the rope was thrown out, and Brandon likewise was pulled to shore. A third time the bystanders threw the rope out; Henton held it and was also pulled to shore. Henton and the boys were tired but uninjured.

63894-7431

**DWAYNE E. HOFUS**

Youngstown, Ohio

**Dwayne E. Hofus saved Jessica Maxwell and Heather McGee from burning, Youngstown, Ohio, June 10, 1989.** Jessica, 2, and Heather, 3, were on the second floor of their family's two-story house when, just before dawn, fire erupted on the first floor, in the kitchen. A neighbor, Hofus, 24, cook, saw flames through a kitchen window and ran to the house to alert its occupants. He forced open the front door and went to the second floor, where he found one of the girls. He picked her up and ran back outside with her. Unaware that another girl was still in the house, Hofus left to call the fire department. Returning to the scene, he learned of the other girl. Despite dense smoke, heat, and spreading flames, Hofus re-entered the house, went to the second floor, and, feeling along a wall, located the bedroom from which he heard a child crying. Hofus entered the bedroom, which was above the burning kitchen, grasped the girl, and began to carry her downstairs. En route, he fell part way down the stairs but regained his footing and returned safely outside with the second girl. Jessica and Heather were taken to the hospital for treatment, as was Hofus, who had inhaled smoke. He recovered fully.

64154-7496

**KEITH ARTHUR JENSEN, deceased**

New Denmark, New Brunswick

**Keith Arthur Jensen died attempting to save Raynald A. and Betty M. Jensen from burning, New Denmark, New Brunswick, January 31, 1988.** Mr. and Mrs. Jensen were away from home late at night when fire broke out in a bedroom of their one-and-one-half-story house. Seeing the fire, a neighbor telephoned their son, Keith Arthur Jensen, 33, owner and manager of a



business, and informed him. Jensen immediately drove the half-mile to his parents' house. Neighbors and family members who then arrived found his vehicle, its door open and motor running, outside the house, which was engulfed in flames. Firemen arrived shortly and found Jensen, fatally burned, in his parents' bedroom. 63926-7421

**DENNIS L. JOHNSON**

Bothell, Washington

**Dennis L. Johnson saved Christopher P. Eggleston from drowning, Scenic, Washington, January 28, 1989.** At night, Christopher, 4, was a passenger in a car that struck ice, left the highway, and plunged 75 feet into Tunnel Creek. The car sank quickly. Johnson, 26, carpenter, witnessed the accident. Despite the freezing air temperature and frigid water, and hampered by darkness, Johnson descended into the creek, then waded and swam to the submerged car. He dived several times, partially entering the car until he located Christopher. Johnson pulled Christopher from the car and surfaced with him. He then swam to the bank, towing Christopher, and revived him with mouth-to-mouth resuscitation. Christopher required hospital treatment for hypothermia, and he recovered. 63823-7441

**JEFFREY A. JONES**

Cathedral City, California

**Jeffrey A. Jones saved Steven Colegio from being struck by a train, Coachella, California, March 4, 1989.** Colegio, 28, was semi-conscious inside a pickup truck that had come to a stop on a railroad track after a highway accident at night. Jones, 33, highway patrol officer, was providing first aid to Colegio when a freight train approached on the track at about 43 m.p.h. Jones attempted to flag down the train with his flashlight, but when he saw that it could not stop in time, he turned back to the truck, reached inside for Colegio, and pulled him out of the truck and off the track. They rolled down an embankment immediately before the train struck the pickup and knocked it off the track. Colegio was hospitalized for his injuries. 64027-7419

**DAVID EARL KAMERATH**

Salt Lake City, Utah

**David Earl Kamerath rescued Lauren M. Clark from burning, Salt Lake City, Utah, April 21, 1989.** Lauren, 6, was in a second-floor bedroom of her family's house after fire had broken out in the first-floor kitchen and spread. A neighbor, Kamerath, 47, retirement planning administrator, was alerted to the fire and ran to the scene. Mounting an adjacent garage, then climbing a ladder to the smoke-filled bedroom, Kamerath partially entered the room and in the intense heat felt for Lauren but could not locate her. He moved the ladder to another window and repeated the process, again with no

success. After moving the ladder again and partially entering the room a third time, Kamerath located Lauren, who lay on the floor surrounded by debris. He removed the debris, picked Lauren up, and placed her on his shoulder. He exited through the window, climbed down the ladder, and handed Lauren to arriving paramedics. Lauren sustained third-degree burns to 30 percent of her body and was hospitalized for eight weeks. Kamerath required hospital treatment for minor smoke inhalation and lacerations to his left arm; he recovered. 64019-7415

**PAUL E. KENNEDY**

Anniston, Alabama

**Paul E. Kennedy attempted to save Angela K. Shockley from drowning, Anniston, Alabama, July 5, 1989.** Miss Shockley, 24, accidentally stepped into a flooded drainage ditch and was carried downstream toward a culvert by a very strong current. Standing nearby, Kennedy, 32, fork lift operator, immediately jumped into the ditch after her and also was carried downstream by the current. He became pinned against the culvert and could not free himself. Miss Shockley emerged from the other end of the culvert and ran for help. Rescue personnel and others who had arrived worked for about 45 minutes to free Kennedy. Miss Shockley required hospital treatment for minor scrapes and bruises, from which she recovered. Kennedy also required treatment, for bruises to his ribs and kidneys and minor scratches, and he too recovered. 64217-7438

**JAMES RICHARD KILBY, deceased**

Conestoga, Pennsylvania

**James Richard Kilby died attempting to save Wendy L. Leed and Faith A. Bankus from drowning, Conestoga, Pennsylvania, May 15, 1989.** Wendy, 16, and Faith, 17, were thrown from their raft while attempting to ride it over a dam in the Conestoga River. The rough water at the base of the dam took them toward the center of the river. Fishing nearby from a bank of the river, Kilby, 42, construction laborer, tied one end of a clothesline around his waist and, as another man held the other end of the line, dived into the river. Kilby swam to within a few feet of Wendy and Faith when the line broke. He submerged. Wendy and Faith maneuvered away from the dam and toward the bank, where the other man helped them from the river. Kilby's body was recovered downstream 10 days later. 64042-7477

**MELODY SUZANNE KILLEN**

St. Helens, Oregon

**Melody Suzanne Killen helped to save Nicole C. Claybaugh and three other teen-aged girls from drowning, Ocean Park, Washington, July 30, 1989.** Nicole, 13, and three other 13-year-old girls were in wadable water of the

Pacific Ocean when a strong current took them away from shore into water over their heads. They called for help. Mrs. Killen, 29, child care provider, who was at the beach with her children, waded and swam to the girls. After a brief struggle with Nicole, during which Mrs. Killen was submerged, Mrs. Killen offered the girls advice as to how best to swim ashore, and she encouraged them as they attempted to do so. They made some progress, but the current prevailed and took them farther out. Arriving volunteer firemen swam a line out to them and pulled Mrs. Killen and three of the girls in, the fourth having been aided by another rescuer. All four girls were treated for mild hypothermia at the hospital. Mrs. Killen was hospitalized two days for hypothermia and an irregular heartbeat; she recovered.

64290-7425

### GARY D. KNIGHT

Medford, Oregon

**Gary D. Knight rescued Charles R. Hall from burning, Portland, Oregon, May 25, 1989.** Hall, 53, was in his second-floor apartment when fire broke out there. Driving nearby, Knight, 40, liquor license investigator, saw smoke issuing from the apartment and stopped at the scene. Learning that the apartment was occupied, Knight ran up its outside stairs to the opened front door and, covering his mouth and nose with his shirt, crawled inside. The thick smoke severely limiting visibility, Knight crawled through the living room to where he found Hall, who was lying unconscious on the floor. Grasping Hall's ankles, Knight dragged him out of the apartment. Two others helped Knight carry Hall down the stairs and away from the building shortly before the apartment was engulfed in flame. Hall was hospitalized for severe burns and died five months later of effects of the ordeal.

64601-7457

### SCOTT KRUEGER, deceased

Olivebridge, New York

**Scott Krueger died helping to save Verna T. Krueger from assault, Ulster Park, New York, August 25, 1989.** Mrs. Krueger, 60, fled into the garage of her son's house after arguing in the driveway with a man who then pursued her with a loaded shotgun. Having witnessed the argument from nearby, another son, Scott, 19, construction laborer, stepped into the enraged man's path and stopped, facing him, to block his course. The man shot Scott in the upper chest, felling him. Mrs. Krueger's other son restrained the man after a struggle, during which the gun fired again and injured Mrs. Krueger. She and Scott were taken to the hospital, where Scott was pronounced dead within the hour. Mrs. Krueger recovered from an injury to her hand.

64373-7475

**ROGER KUJAWA**

Peoria, Illinois

**Roger Kujawa helped to rescue Gary M. Bernard from burning, Edwards, Illinois, September 18, 1989.** Bernard, 44, sheriff's deputy, was trapped inside his patrol car after it collided with a garbage truck. The garbage truck's fuel tank ruptured in the accident, and both vehicles broke into flame. Kujawa, 32, zoning inspector, drove upon the scene and approached the passenger side of the burning car. Its passenger door was jammed shut. Despite the growing flames and intense heat, Kujawa and another man who had arrived bent the window frame to enlarge the opening. They reached inside the car, grasped Bernard, and, joined by another man, pulled him out of the car and carried him away. The car was shortly engulfed in flames, and rounds of ammunition in the car exploded. Bernard was hospitalized one month for first-, second-, and third-degree burns. Kujawa sustained a minor burn to his right hand and recovered in about one week. 64493-7447

**BETTY BOYER LAMB, deceased**

Sacramento, California

**Betty Boyer Lamb died attempting to save Gabriel Moura from drowning, Jenner, California, July 12, 1989.** While on a Pacific Ocean beach, Gabriel, 3, was knocked down by a wave, then carried into water over his head. His grandmother, Mrs. Lamb, 69, retired restaurant owner, immediately entered the ocean and began to swim toward him, but she too was carried out. Mrs. Lamb and Gabriel were recovered from the ocean shortly by a helicopter from the sheriff's department and were taken to the hospital, but neither could be revived. 64238-7417

**DARRYL W. LASTIWKA**

Thorold, Ontario

**Darryl W. Lastiwka rescued Deborah A. Anderson from burning, St. Catharines, Ontario, November 30, 1989.** Miss Anderson, 21, was in her apartment when fire broke out in the living room and filled the apartment with dense smoke. A resident of the adjoining apartment, Lastiwka, 29, carpenter, was alerted; he went to Miss Anderson's apartment door and called to her. Hearing a noise from inside the apartment, Lastiwka got down on his hands and knees and, despite the smoke, which precluded visibility, and intense heat, he crawled about 15 feet into the apartment, finding Miss Anderson unconscious on the kitchen floor. Grasping her by the ankles, Lastiwka dragged her to the door, then picked her up and carried her outside to safety. Miss Anderson was hospitalized two weeks for treatment of smoke inhalation and second-degree burns. She recovered. Lastiwka sustained minor smoke inhalation, from which he recovered. 64608-7506



**DALE ROBERT LAYTON**

Canby, Oregon

**Dale Robert Layton saved Lawrence Supnet from being struck by a train, Canby, Oregon, November 17, 1988.** Supnet, 28, was attempting to cross a railroad track when his wheelchair became stuck on the track on which a passenger train approached at 60 m.p.h. Having just parked his car nearby, Layton, 64, retired funeral director, saw Supnet's predicament, then saw the approaching train. He immediately ran to Supnet, grasped the handles of the wheelchair, and pulled the wheelchair backward, off the track. The front of the train, which did not slow, then passed, barely missing them.

63669-7418

**ROBERT W. LEMON**

Ojai, California

**Robert W. Lemon helped to rescue Denise R. Reid from burning, Oak View, California, February 5, 1990.** Miss Reid, 19, was semi-conscious in the front seat of a burning car after a highway accident, her foot pinned between the seat and passenger door. Driving nearby with another man, Lemon, 40, safety coordinator, saw the fire and ran to the car. Lemon attempted unsuccessfully to dislodge Miss Reid's foot. When the other man arrived, after having called help, Lemon and he extended their upper bodies through the opened driver's door into the car, the front end of which was engulfed in flame. Although flames extended to the dashboard through the opening of the windshield, which was missing, Lemon and the other man freed Miss Reid, pulled her from the car, and carried her to safety. The car was shortly engulfed in flame. Miss Reid was hospitalized nine days for second-degree burns to her left hip and back and other injuries. Lemon recovered from minor smoke inhalation.

64767-7502

**PATRICK K. MAGEE**

Nesconset, New York

**Patrick K. Magee saved Colleen M. Kelly from burning, Smithtown, New York, August 11, 1989.** Miss Kelly, 21, was the passenger of a car that, at night, struck a utility pole, then overturned. Live electrical lines from the pole sagged near and contacted the car, and Miss Kelly and the driver, both injured and hanging upside down from their seats, called for help. Magee, 19, college student, and a friend drove upon the scene, observed the overturned car, and stopped. Magee approached the car, grabbed a door handle, and received an electrical shock. When fire erupted on the exposed undercarriage of the car, Magee reached inside, despite the possibility of additional shocks, and pulled Miss Kelly through the open window of the passenger door. His friend then moved the driver. Miss Kelly required extensive hospitalization for injuries received in the accident, and she recovered. Magee was hospitalized two days for effects of electrical shock, and he too recovered.

64326-7467

**PATRICK M. MALONEY**

Chicago, Illinois

**Patrick M. Maloney saved Eyiowuawi R.A. Gbolahan from assault, Chicago, Illinois, December 31, 1988.** Gbolahan, 36, had stopped at the scene of a motor vehicle accident, where one of the motorists involved was arguing with the other. When Gbolahan tried to calm the enraged motorist, the motorist produced a knife and threatened Gbolahan with it. Maloney, 27, one of two paramedics sent in response to the accident, saw the assault and immediately ran to the scene. Maloney struggled with the assailant, overpowered him, and gained possession of the knife. **64550-7497**

**MICHAEL G. MARTINEZ, deceased**

Hialeah, Florida

**Michael G. Martinez died after saving an unidentified woman from drowning, Miami Beach, Florida, May 29, 1989.** Martinez, 40, who was disabled by heart disease, and his nephew were at an Atlantic Ocean beach when two unidentified women floundered in the surf. As the nephew swam to one of the women and took her to shore, he saw Martinez enter the water, swim past them, and arrive at the other woman. Although his heart condition necessitated restrictions on his activities, Martinez grasped the woman and towed her back to wadable water. After leaving the water, Martinez suffered a heart attack. He could not be revived. **64130-7412**

**ROBERT L. MATHEWS**

Warren, Ohio

**Robert L. Mathews rescued James L. Edwards from burning, Warren, Ohio, November 17, 1989.** James, 3, was in his second-floor bedroom when fire erupted in that room. Driving through the neighborhood, Mathews, 32, saw the fire and learned that James was still in the house. Mathews immediately entered the first floor of the house and climbed the stairs part way to the second, but he was repulsed by dense smoke and intense heat. With a jacket over his head and carrying a flashlight, Mathews climbed the stairs a second time but was again repulsed by smoke and heat. A third time Mathews climbed the stairs, and, using the flashlight, he saw James, who lay unconscious on the floor of his bedroom. Mathews crawled into that room, which was aflame, and picked James up, then ran down the stairs and out of the house with him. Both James and Mathews were given oxygen at the scene. In addition, James required extensive hospitalization for severe burns. **64574-7483**

## JOHN MICHAEL MATTSON

Pickering, Ontario

**John Michael Mattson rescued Fitzroy A. Johnson from assault, Pickering, Ontario, August 15, 1988.** Johnson, 43, who was stabbed twice during a robbery at his store, fled the store and held its door closed, trapping the assailant inside. He called for help. Visiting nearby, Mattson, 24, truck driver, heard Johnson screaming and ran to the store. He helped Johnson attempt to hold the door closed, but the assailant, who brandished a gun, pushed his way out. A struggle for the gun ensued, during which Mattson was stabbed twice. Mattson secured the assailant's gun, which he then found to be a fake. Arriving police arrested the assailant. Johnson was hospitalized two weeks for his wounds, which required surgery. Mattson was hospitalized five days for treatment of stab wounds to his chest and right leg, causing him to miss two months' work. 63404-7416

## JUNE ANN MAURO

Boca Raton, Florida

**June Ann Mauro helped to save Leon Martin from drowning, Boca Raton, Florida, February 21, 1990.** Martin, 86, remained in the driver's seat of his car after it plunged into a pond and began to submerge. Having seen the accident, Mrs. Mauro, 32, bank teller, ran to the pond, entered it, and swam to the driver's side of Martin's car, where she reached through the window and released Martin's seat belt. Unable to coax him out of the car, Mrs. Mauro swam to the passenger door and entered the car through that door's open window. With water rushing into the car, Mrs. Mauro pushed Martin as two men who had arrived pulled him through the driver's window, then took him to the bank. Mrs. Mauro exited the car, backward, freeing herself of the car as it disappeared beneath the surface of the water, and she swam to safety. 64811-7473

## JOHN A. McDANIEL

Summerville, Georgia

**John A. McDaniel helped to save Daniel F. Barry from drowning, Fort Payne, Alabama, June 11, 1989.** Daniel, 11, was wading in the Little River above the Little River Falls when he lost his footing and was carried by the swift current toward the falls. Standing nearby on the bank, McDaniel, 26, cotton mill laborer, immediately entered the river and grasped Daniel but lost his footing as well. McDaniel held onto Daniel at the edge of the 60-foot-high falls until others pulled them from the water shortly. Daniel was bruised by the ordeal, as was McDaniel, who sustained also pulled muscles in his back and neck. Both recovered. 64224-7504



**JOHN ARTHUR MIZENER**

Canton, Ohio

**John Arthur Mizener helped to save Ellen L. Toalston from burning, Orrville, Ohio, January 5, 1990.** Mrs. Toalston, 37, was unconscious in the passenger seat of a burning car after a highway accident. Driving nearby, Mizener, 40, engineering manager, stopped at the scene and ran to the car, the rear and rear interior of which were aflame. Despite the blistering heat, Mizener and another man who had arrived extended their upper bodies through the open window of the passenger door and started to remove Mrs. Toalston, but an explosion, thought to be a tire, forced them to withdraw. Flames increasing, Mizener and the other man again partially entered the car, grasped Mrs. Toalston, and removed her. They dragged her to safety shortly before the car was engulfed in flames. Mrs. Toalston was hospitalized one week for bruises. Mizener sustained minor burns to his face and lacerations to his hands and wrists, and he recovered. 64692-7470

**JOHN V. MONHEIM**

Orrville, Ohio

**John V. Monheim helped to save Ellen L. Toalston from burning, Orrville, Ohio, January 5, 1990.** Mrs. Toalston, 37, was unconscious in the passenger seat of a burning car after a highway accident. Driving nearby, Monheim, 56, operations manager, stopped at the scene and ran to the car, the rear and rear interior of which were aflame. Despite the blistering heat, Monheim and another man who had arrived extended their upper bodies through the open window of the passenger door and started to remove Mrs. Toalston, but an explosion, thought to be a tire, forced them to withdraw. Flames increasing, Monheim and the other man again partially entered the car, grasped Mrs. Toalston, and removed her. They dragged her to safety shortly before the car was engulfed in flames. Mrs. Toalston was hospitalized one week for bruises. Monheim was treated at the hospital for first- and second-degree burns to the left side of his face, and he recovered. 64691-7469

**JOHN SAMUEL MONTEGNA**

Bend, Oregon

**John Samuel Montegna saved Amber D. Blankenship from drowning, Maupin, Oregon, May 21, 1989.** Amber, 9, slipped on the bank and fell into the rough water of a cove of the Deschutes River. She submerged and was carried away from the bank. Fishing nearby, Montegna, 43, well driller, immediately jumped fully clothed into the river, which was cold and flowing swiftly, and submerged twice in attempts to locate her. Unable to find her, he turned back toward the bank, then was alerted that Amber had sur-

faced behind him. Montegna turned and swam to Amber, then grasped her and took her to the bank. He handed Amber, who was not breathing, to others, who revived her. Breathless, Montegna had to be helped from the water. He sustained strained back muscles, and both he and Amber recovered.

64132-7448

**JESSIE R. MOORE**, deceased  
Rocky Mount, North Carolina

**Jessie R. Moore died attempting to save Myisha Johnson from drowning, Beaufort, North Carolina, August 5, 1989.** Myisha, 8, who could not swim, fell off an inner tube while playing near the bank of a channel in the Atlantic Ocean. Moore, 29, laborer, saw Myisha from the bank and immediately ran into the water and swam toward her. He submerged and did not resurface. A man who was fishing nearby entered the water and took Myisha to the bank, but Moore drowned.

64320-7499

**JOHN E. MOORE**  
Dunn, North Carolina

**John E. Moore helped to rescue Brenda L. Capri from burning, Dunn, North Carolina, December 5, 1989.** Mrs. Capri, 26, was in the driver's seat of a burning van, pinned by the steering column, after a highway accident. Driving nearby, Moore, 43, stopped at the scene and ran to the driver's door of the van but it was jammed. He then opened the rear doors of the van but was unable to enter because of dense smoke filling the van's interior. Moore returned to the driver's door and was able to open it. He extended his upper body into the van and attempted to free Mrs. Capri. Another man arrived and, with a piece of metal, pushed the steering column away from her. Moore pulled Mrs. Capri out of the van, and he, the other man, and a third who had joined them then carried her to safety. The van was shortly engulfed in flame. Mrs. Capri was hospitalized 25 days for third-degree burns to her legs and other injuries. Moore recovered from minor burns to an arm and hand and smoke inhalation.

64673-7500

**ALBERT T. MORONI**  
New City, New York

**Albert T. Moroni rescued Deborah A. Quinn from burning, Nyack, New York, May 31, 1989.** Mrs. Quinn, 30, was the driver of a car that caught fire and came to rest atop a concrete barrier in an eight-vehicle accident on the Tappan Zee Bridge at night. Another motorist, Moroni, 37, parks and recreation deputy commissioner, saw the accident and ran to the scene. He climbed atop the barrier and twice extended his upper body through the shattered window of the passenger door in attempts to reach Mrs. Quinn. Grasping Mrs. Quinn, who was aflame, Moroni pulled her through the

window and lowered her to the pavement, then rolled her on the pavement to extinguish her flames. Moments later, Mrs. Quinn's car and two other vehicles involved in the accident were engulfed in flame. Mrs. Quinn was hospitalized for third-degree burns, and Moroni required hospital treatment for first- and second-degree burns to his right hand, from which he recovered.

64131-7465

**JOHN ANDREW MOSS**

McDonough, Georgia

**John Andrew Moss saved Kelley M. Gibbs from drowning, McDonough, Georgia, March 17, 1990.** Miss Gibbs, 19, escaped from her car after it was swept off a flooded highway, before dawn, by the swift current of Calves Creek. She shouted for help as she clung to a vine in the midst of the floodwaters. Asleep in his nearby home, Moss, 29, air traffic controller, heard Miss Gibbs's shouts. He went to the flooded creek and, using a flashlight to help him see, entered the water to search for Miss Gibbs. He waded toward the sound of her voice, using the trees for support against the current. Moss found Miss Gibbs about 300 feet from the edge of the water; then in water beyond his depth, he braced himself against a tree as he reached for her. He grasped Miss Gibbs and waded out of the floodwaters with her, carrying her much of the way. Miss Gibbs required hospital treatment for bruises. Moss recovered from minor scratches.

64950-7509

**SERGIO ALFREDO MUNOZ, deceased**

Juarez, Mexico

**Sergio Alfredo Munoz died after attempting to rescue Norman Montion from assault, El Paso, Texas, October 16, 1989.** Montion, 42, was in an office of the business he owned when a man entered and shot him. One of Montion's employees, Munoz, 26, telephone solicitor, entered the office and grappled with the assailant in an attempt to overpower him. The assailant threw Munoz to the floor and shot him. Montion then shot and killed the assailant. Montion and Munoz both died of their wounds within hours.

64443-7474

**DARWIN NISSEN**

Billings, Montana

**Darwin Nissen rescued Rick L. Anderson from burning, Council Bluffs, Iowa, April 3, 1989.** Anderson, 29, was semi-conscious in the cab of the tractor-trailer he had been driving when it caught fire after an accident on an interstate highway. Driving nearby, Nissen, 40, computer service company executive, witnessed the accident and stopped at the scene. He climbed to the driver's door of the cab, extended his upper body through the opened window, and pulled Anderson, who was aflame, partly out of the

tractor-trailer. Anderson's leg became caught in the steering wheel, and he hanged upside down from the window when Nissen fell to the ground. Nissen then patted out the flames on Anderson with his hands and, despite flames virtually filling the cab and the intense heat and dense smoke, climbed again to the window of the driver's door, reached inside, and freed Anderson's leg. Anderson fell to the ground and was dragged away by others. He was hospitalized six weeks for broken bones and third-degree burns to 50 percent of his body. Nissen was hospitalized three days for second-degree burns to his hands, forehead, and arms, and he recovered. **63983-7449**

### GRACE MARILYN NOLAN

Whitby, Ontario

**Grace Marilyn Nolan helped to rescue Dorothy M. Blackhall and rescued Irene J. Beaton from assault, Lindsay, Ontario, July 4, 1989.** Mrs. Blackhall, 72, was in her cottage when a man armed with a knife broke in and began to stab her. Alerted to the break-in, two neighbors, Mrs. Beaton, 67, and Mrs. Nolan, 49, real estate representative, went to the cottage, where they heard Mrs. Blackhall scream. While Mrs. Nolan went to call police, Mrs. Beaton ran to a window of the cottage and shouted inside for the assailant to stop the attack. The assailant immediately ran out of the cottage and began to attack Mrs. Beaton. Having called police, Mrs. Nolan returned and saw Mrs. Beaton struggling with the assailant. Mrs. Nolan picked up a lawn chair and approached the assailant, shouting at him to release Mrs. Beaton. The assailant released her, dropped the knife, and fled. Mrs. Blackhall and Mrs. Beaton both required hospital treatment for knife wounds. **64251-7480**

### DAVID M. NYMAN

Anchorage, Alaska

**David M. Nyman saved James P. Sweeney from exposure and avalanche, Denali National Park, Alaska, April 21-26, 1989.** On April 19, 1989, Sweeney, 33, was climbing Mt. Johnson, at a point near Ruth Glacier in Denali National Park, when he fell, fracturing and dislocating a hip. His climbing partner, Nyman, 31, civil engineer, laboriously lowered him to the base of the mountain, where they spent the night. The following day, Nyman left to seek help. He skied to a lodge several miles away and dispatched rescuers, but the next day, April 21, he learned that they could not reach Sweeney. Nyman immediately returned, alone, to Sweeney, believing that evacuation by air was forthcoming. A snowstorm began, causing avalanches, several of which struck Nyman and Sweeney and buried them despite Nyman's repeated efforts, over four days, to secure refuge as they awaited help. On April 25, their supplies nearly depleted, Nyman began to remove Sweeney singlehand-



edly. For two days he would make a path through the newly fallen snow, which would accumulate to about four feet, tramp it down, then drag Sweeney over its course. In this fashion Nyman painstakingly covered almost a mile over terrain that descended 1,200 feet to the glacier; the men were continually threatened by avalanches, one of which deposited them in a deep crevasse. On April 26, they were evacuated by helicopter from the glacier and taken to a hospital. Sweeney was detained six weeks for his injuries. Nyman recovered from marked dehydration and frostbite. 64291-7440

**RONNY C. ODOM**, deceased  
Metter, Georgia

**Ronny C. Odom died attempting to save Percy Cummings from suffocation, St. Augustine, Florida, May 31, 1989.** Cummings, 29, collapsed while working in an underground pump station when the station began to flood with sewage. From street level, his co-worker, Odom, 40, laborer, called for help, then immediately descended into the station for Cummings. He grasped Cummings but then also was overcome, and he collapsed. Both men were removed from the station by rescue personnel, but neither could be revived. 64121-7443

**WILLIAM L. OGLETREE**  
Evans, Georgia

**William L. Ogletree saved a boy from a runaway automobile, Martinez, Georgia, August 8, 1989.** A two-year-old boy was the sole occupant of a car that began to coast backward out of a parking lot and onto a five-lane highway. Driving on the highway when he noticed the car, Ogletree, 38, insurance sales agent, immediately parked his car and pursued the runaway one. He ran across four traffic lanes, jumped into the car through its driver's door, and stepped on the brake, taking the car to a stop. A passing tractor-trailer narrowly avoided striking the car. Ogletree recovered from bruises on his shins sustained while entering the car. 64395-7491

**RONALD T. PETERS**  
Keizer, Oregon

**Ronald T. Peters rescued John M. and Jake M. Hupp from burning, Salem, Oregon, October 21, 1989.** At night, brothers John, 4, and Jake, 3, were in a bedroom of their mother's apartment when fire erupted in the living room. Peters, 27, tinsmith, who was in an apartment next door, was alerted to the fire and went to the scene. He crawled into the living room but was forced to retreat because of blistering heat and dense smoke. He ran to the back of the apartment and climbed through a window into the boys' bedroom,

in which the smoke precluded visibility. Peters found John, passed him out the window, then found Jake a short distance away and likewise passed him out the window before exiting himself. Both boys suffered smoke inhalation and minor burns, and they recovered. Peters incurred burns to his shoulders and right arm, and he too recovered. 64534-7471

### GLENN H. PETERSON

Marquette, Michigan

**Glenn H. Peterson rescued Lisa J. Howard from burning, Harvey, Michigan, September 12, 1989.** Miss Howard, 26, was inside her family's home when fire broke out and filled the house with dense, black smoke. A neighbor, Peterson, 34, construction worker, saw smoke issuing from the house and ran to it to see if anyone was inside. Despite intense heat and the lack of visibility because of the smoke, Peterson crawled into the house and located Miss Howard in the living room. He seized her, crawled backward to the door, and exited, pulling Miss Howard to safety moments before the living room was engulfed in flames. Miss Howard was hospitalized 16 days for treatment of smoke inhalation and burns. 64405-7458

### JOSEPH D. PREDL

Akron, Ohio

**Joseph D. Predl saved James R. Grossbeck from being struck by a train, New London, Ohio, May 21, 1989.** James, 17, sat on a railroad track on which a freight train was approaching. On seeing him there, Predl, 48, the train's fireman, who was in the lead locomotive, ran out of the locomotive and descended to the ground. Predl ran ahead of the train to James, the train following by a few feet. Stepping between the rails of the track, Predl grasped James by the hair and pulled him from the track. They fell to the ground, the front of the train then passing. 64089-7461

### GENE D. PROCK, deceased

Gravois Mills, Missouri

**Gene D. Prock died attempting to help save Pearl L. Toner from drowning, Laurie, Missouri, April 27, 1989.** Mrs. Toner, 77, was found floating face down in a cove of Lake of the Ozarks by a retired neighbor, Prock, 68. Prock, who had undergone surgery two weeks earlier, alerted his wife, then obtained life jackets and ran out onto a dock near Mrs. Toner. After Prock's wife swam to Mrs. Toner and took her toward the dock, Prock dived into the water and surfaced near his wife, who then pushed Mrs. Toner toward him. After putting Mrs. Toner's head and arms onto one of the life jackets, Prock suddenly

slipped beneath the surface of the water. Arriving neighbors removed Mrs. Toner and Prock from the water, but resuscitation attempts on both were unsuccessful.

64052-7462

**GARRY W. PROFFIT**, deceased  
Hollywood, Maryland

**Garry W. Proffit died attempting to save Ashton M. King from suffocation, Lusby, Maryland, September 15, 1988.** With a line attached to him, King, 56, entered a water storage tank at the power plant where he was employed and, losing consciousness in the tank's oxygen-deficient atmosphere, fell into the water. Two co-workers, including Proffit, 34, in-service inspector, attempted to pull King from the tank, but King was snagged. Proffit then immediately entered the tank, which contained about 27 feet of water, to free King. Proffit submerged. King was pulled from the tank by others and was revived; he recovered after hospitalization. Proffit was removed from the tank by divers, but he had drowned.

63504-7406

**JEFFREY ALLEN QUIGLEY**  
Hampton, Virginia

**Jeffrey Allen Quigley saved Amos Gates from burning, Hampton, Virginia, April 19, 1989.** Gates, 83, was inside his one-story, wood-frame house when fire erupted in the living room. At work nearby, Quigley, 28, service station attendant, was alerted to the fire and went to the scene. After ascertaining that Gates was still in the house, Quigley entered and, following the sound of Gates's voice, crawled about 30 feet through a smoke-filled hall, passing the burning living room en route. Finding Gates at the doorway of the bedroom in the rear of the dwelling, Quigley pulled him to the floor and dragged him from the house. Gates required hospital treatment for effects of the fire.

64285-7510

**MICHAEL A. RADWICH**  
Hinsdale, Massachusetts

**Michael A. Radwich rescued Scott L. Pierce from being crushed by a gravel-sorting machine, Dalton, Massachusetts, October 18, 1989.** Pierce, 21, was helping to repair a machine at the sand and gravel plant where he was employed when his clothing became caught on a rotating shaft of the machine. He was pulled to the shaft, which drove the machine's nearby gears, and his left arm was almost completely severed. Radwich, 24, plant foreman, who was working with Pierce, immediately grasped Pierce around the waist with both arms and pulled him free of the shaft. In his so doing, Radwich's left hand was caught briefly against the shaft: the thumb of that hand was almost completely severed and the left forearm was fractured. Both



men required extensive hospitalization, during which Pierce's arm and Radwich's thumb were reattached.

64524-7481

### KERRY R. RAMEY

Peoria, Illinois

**Kerry R. Ramey helped to rescue Gary M. Bernard from burning, Edwards, Illinois, September 18, 1989.** Bernard, 44, sheriff's deputy, was trapped inside his patrol car after it collided with a garbage truck. The garbage truck's fuel tank ruptured in the accident, and both vehicles broke into flame. Ramey, 38, tow truck driver, drove upon the scene and approached the passenger side of the burning car. Its passenger door was jammed shut. Despite the growing flames and intense heat, Ramey and another man who had arrived bent the window frame to enlarge the opening. They reached inside the car, grasped Bernard, and, joined by another man, pulled him out of the car and carried him away. The car was shortly engulfed in flames, and rounds of ammunition in the car exploded. Bernard was hospitalized one month for first-, second-, and third-degree burns.

64492-7446

### DONALD L. REED

Moscow, Idaho

**Donald L. Reed saved Kristine S. Wildung and Jaclyn Stanke from drowning, Pullman, Washington, April 15, 1989.** Mrs. Wildung and Miss Stanke, both 23, were in a boat that capsized, then sank, at about mid-point in the Snake River. They swam toward the bank, tiring in the frigid water, and called for help. Reed, 51, painter, who was driving nearby, saw them and stopped at the scene. He put on a life jacket, ran to the edge of the river, and swam out to Mrs. Wildung, who was closer. He helped her swim to the bank, then re-entered the river and swam to Miss Stanke, who, about 345 feet out, was experiencing the effects of hypothermia, which precluded her making further progress toward shore. Reed grasped her and swam back to the bank, Miss Stanke in tow. Reed then drove the women and their companion 45 miles to a hospital, where Mrs. Wildung and Miss Stanke were treated for hypothermia. They recovered.

64048-7422

### GENE GARY ROBERTS

Angleton, Texas

**Gene Gary Roberts saved Robert L. Harper from drowning, Angleton, Texas, February 4, 1989.** Partially submerged in the very cold water, Harper, 35, shouted for help as he clung to a piling in the Bastrop Bayou after a highway accident in which his tractor-trailer had left a nearby bridge. Roberts, 29,

chemical technician, drove upon the scene and heard Harper's cries for help. Despite an air temperature in the 20s, Roberts waded and swam about 50 feet to Harper. Then, with Harper, who outweighed him, holding onto his back, Roberts swam back to wadable water, from where he and Harper went to shore. Harper required hospital treatment for his injuries, from which he recovered.

64198-7427

### DON W. ROCAP

Lubbock, Texas

**Don W. Rocap saved Leslie C. Sammann and Keith Toby from burning, Lubbock, Texas, October 10, 1989.** Sammann, 26, and Toby, 35, were semi-conscious inside a burning car following its collision with a motor home. Rocap, 67, retired, witnessed the accident and went to the car. Despite growing flames on the front of the car and intense heat, Rocap opened the driver's door, but with difficulty. He seized Sammann, pulled him from the car, and guided him away from it. Returning to the driver's side, Rocap partially entered the burning car, seized Toby, who outweighed Rocap considerably, and pulled him out. Another man aided Rocap in taking Toby to a point of safety away from the car. Both Sammann and Toby required hospital treatment for their injuries, and Rocap sought hospital treatment for a burn to his forehead, from which he recovered.

64457-7489

### CEASAR RODRIGUEZ

Los Angeles, California

**Cesar Rodriguez rescued a youth from assault, Los Angeles, California, January 27, 1989.** A 17-year-old boy was assaulted by members of a gang, one of whom was armed with a knife, on a street near his school. A teacher's assistant at the school, Rodriguez, 23, was waiting for a bus nearby and saw the attack. When he approached the assailants to aid the victim, Rodriguez himself was attacked by members of the gang, who beat, kicked, and stabbed him before they fled. The 17-year-old sustained a contusion to his forehead and bruises. Rodriguez sustained stab wounds to his right wrist and chest for which he was hospitalized two days and underwent surgery.

63940-7452

### JONAH M. ROSENFELD

South Euclid, Ohio

**Jonah M. Rosenfield rescued John H. Reid from burning, Deer Isle, Maine, August 25, 1989.** Reid, 64, was dazed in the cockpit of his single-engine amphibian airplane after it crashed on the bank of Lily Pond and broke into flame. Rosenfield, 18, one of a group of college students on an outing at the pond, witnessed the crash and immediately ran to the scene. Despite flames

on the plane's engine and in its cockpit and the intense heat, Rosenfield opened the passenger door of the plane, extended his upper body into the cockpit, and released Reid's seat belt. He then grasped Reid and pulled him to the door, then helped him to the ground and away from the plane, which shortly was engulfed in flame. Reid was hospitalized almost a month for treatment of second- and third-degree burns. 64388-7435

### CHRISTOPHER M. RUMBAUGH

Orlando, Florida

**Christopher M. Rumbaugh rescued Mildred J. Hershey from burning, Tavares, Florida, June 8, 1989.** Mrs. Hershey, 78, was a passenger in the back seat of a two-door car that caught fire after it was struck from behind. Driving nearby, Rumbaugh, 27, off-duty deputy sheriff, saw the accident and immediately approached the scene. Despite flames almost engulfing the car, Rumbaugh extended his upper body through the opened passenger door into the back-seat area of the car. He grasped Mrs. Hershey by the arms and pulled her out, then helped her walk away from the car moments before it was engulfed in flames. Mrs. Hershey was treated at the hospital for smoke inhalation, first-degree burns, and a laceration; she recovered. Rumbaugh sustained second-degree burns to the left side of his body, and he recovered. 64139-7424

### DANIEL D. SANDERS

Washington, Pennsylvania

**Daniel D. Sanders saved Charles S. Kiser from drowning, Burt, New York, October 18, 1989.** Kiser, 51, fell into Eighteenmile Creek while fishing from the face of an adjoining wall. A non-swimmer, he submerged in the cold water as other fishermen attempted to pull him in with fishing line. One of the fishermen, Sanders, 30, who was heavily clothed, then jumped into the water and swam to Kiser, despite the presence of a swift, circular current caused by water entering the creek from a nearby dam. Sanders submerged for Kiser, but could not locate him; he submerged again, found Kiser about 15 feet from the wall, and pushed him to the surface. Treading water, Sanders pushed Kiser back to the wall, where another man pulled him out of the water. Kiser was revived and hospitalized two days for treatment of hypothermia. He recovered. 64724-7478

### CHARLES SAUCIER

Lake City, Florida

**Charles Saucier saved Ricky Don Bailey from drowning, St. Francisville, Louisiana, August 6, 1989.** Bailey, 31, entered the water to save an eight-year-old boy from drowning in a deep hole of Thompson Creek, but he tired and

also began to struggle. He called for help. Saucier, 21, ironworker, who had also entered the water to save the boy, swam to Bailey and towed him back to the bank. The boy was saved by another rescuer. Exhausted, Bailey and Saucier were treated at the hospital for having nearly drowned, and they recovered.

64792-7495

**JAMES SCHMITT**  
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

**James Schmitt rescued Bryan Moshinski from assault, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, December 1, 1989.** When Bryan, 15, left a school dance, he was beaten and kicked to the street by a group of assailants outside the school. Waiting nearby to give Bryan and others a ride home, Schmitt, 19, college student, immediately ran to Bryan and began to pull the assailants off him. One of the assailants, who was armed with a baseball bat, struck Schmitt in the head from behind, knocking him unconscious. Other assailants then turned from Bryan and attacked Schmitt. The assailants fled. Bryan was treated at the hospital for bruises and a slight concussion, and he recovered. Schmitt was hospitalized in critical condition with multiple skull fractures, fractured ribs, a collapsed right lung, an injured right eye, in which he lost vision, and other injuries.

64566-7455

**LAWRENCE J. SHINER**  
Shorewood, Illinois

**Lawrence J. Shiner rescued Sherry L. Wilda from burning, Minooka, Illinois, October 24, 1989.** Mrs. Wilda, 36, was the driver of a mini-bus that overturned onto its driver's side in a highway accident. Witnessing the accident, Shiner, 41, ironworker, immediately ran to the bus. He climbed atop the bus and struggled to open its passenger door as the rear of the bus, where its fuel tank was located, caught fire. Propping the door open with his shoulder, Shiner reached down for Mrs. Wilda, whom he then seized and pulled from the bus as flames grew. After pushing Mrs. Wilda to the highway, Shiner jumped from the bus and carried her to safety. Within seconds the bus was engulfed in flames. Mrs. Wilda required hospital treatment for first- and second-degree burns to her chest, left foot, and the right side of her body, and she recovered. Shiner recovered from a minor burn to his right thumb.

64536-7456

**MATTHEW T. SILVIA**  
North Smithfield, Rhode Island

**Matthew T. Silvia helped to save Kimberly A. Scholle from drowning, Narragansett, Rhode Island, May 7, 1989.** Kimberly, 15, was on the rocky shore of the Atlantic Ocean when she was swept into the water by a large wave. Carried away from shore, she shouted for help. A friend who was



nearby, Matthew, 17, high school student, jumped into the water after her. Despite the rough waves, Matthew swam to Kimberly, grasped her, and began to swim back toward shore. En route, they were met by a youth who had obtained a life ring that was attached to a rope. Holding to the ring, Matthew, Kimberly, and the youth swam and were pulled the remaining distance to shore, where they were helped out of the water by others. Kimberly was treated at the hospital for hypothermia; she recovered. Matthew recovered from scrapes to his legs. 64053-7445

**CLYDE E. SMITH**  
Confluence, Pennsylvania

**Clyde E. Smith saved Elisabeth A. Burrows from drowning, Ursina, Pennsylvania, December 31, 1989.** Miss Burrows, 24, was driving on a rural road at night when an ice jam on swollen Laurel Hill Creek broke, causing the creek to flood the road and part of an adjacent field. Miss Burrows exited her car to wade to dry land, but a strong current forced her to return to it. She called for help. Watching the floodwaters from about 600 feet away, Smith, 36, welder, heard Miss Burrows, and, despite freezing air temperature and the cold, swift water of the creek, which contained large chunks of ice, he waded to Miss Burrows's car. He helped her down from the car, then guided her to dry land. Both recovered from effects of the cold water. 64717-7459

**MICHAEL J. SMITH**  
St. Thomas, Ontario

**Michael J. Smith helped to save David T. Rupke from drowning, Port Burwell, Ontario, August 4, 1989.** David, 10, was swimming in Lake Erie with his family when he was caught in a strong undertow and carried farther away from shore. A man swam to him and attempted to take him in, but they were separated by large waves and David was pulled farther out. Smith, 31, maintenance mechanic, who was swimming nearby, was alerted to the situation; he got out of the water and ran to a point on the beach nearer David. Re-entering the water, Smith swam to David, who was then about 600 feet out. He grasped David but could not make progress toward shore against the current and, submerging, began to panic. Knowing there was no strong current where he was swimming previously, Smith pushed David in that direction before swimming back to shore with him. David was taken to the hospital for observation but was not injured. 64554-7482

**JAMES J. STACK III**  
Chicago Ridge, Illinois

**James J. Stack III rescued Paul T. Fogleman and Edward J. Smith from assault, Bloomington, Illinois, March 14, 1989.** Fogleman and Smith, both

18, were aboard a bus when another passenger, a man armed with a knife, began to stab them. Stack, 30, who was also a passenger on the bus, immediately approached the assailant, who was atop Fogleman, struggling with him in the aisle. Stack seized the assailant, then struggled with and subdued him, allowing the driver to take the bus to the hospital, where police arrested the assailant. Fogleman was hospitalized five days for treatment of his stab wounds, from which he recovered, but Smith was mortally wounded.

63898-7413

**ROBERT PATRICK STCHUR**

Troy, Michigan

**Robert Patrick Stchur saved Tara Billardello from drowning, Sidnaw, Michigan, July 5, 1989.** Tara, 13, was attempting to wade across the Sturgeon River when she slipped on a rock and fell into the swift current. Unable to regain her footing, she was carried into a narrow gorge toward a 30-foot-high waterfall. On a rock ledge above the gorge, closer to the falls, Robert, 17, high school student, saw Tara approach. He jumped into the water for her, striking and injuring his chin and a knee on a submerged rock. Surfacing, Robert grasped Tara as she washed by. With difficulty, he attempted to swim back to the wall of the gorge, but the current carried them closer to the falls. Reaching the wall of the gorge at a point about 10 feet from the falls, Robert and Tara were helped out of the water by others. Tara recovered from scratches and contusions. Robert sustained a contusion to his right knee and a laceration to his chin which required suturing. He too recovered.

64266-7463

**JONATHON E.J. SWENSON, deceased**

Sumner, Washington

**Jonathon E.J. Swenson died after attempting to save Eva J., Samantha R., and Rodney A. Dworsack from burning, Tacoma, Washington, February 4, 1989.** Miss Dworsack, 19, and her children, Samantha, 2, and Rodney, 11 months, were in a second-floor bedroom of a two-story house when fire broke out on the first floor. Miss Dworsack's nephew, Jonathon, 9, student, who was on the first floor with other family members, was alerted to the fire and, rather than flee the house, ran upstairs, yelling, and alerted Miss Dworsack. Overcome by smoke, Miss Dworsack was removed shortly by arriving firefighters, as were her children. They were hospitalized for burns and smoke inhalation. Jonathon, also overcome by smoke, was also hospitalized but died of his injuries two days later.

63850-7508

**FRANK S. SWISHER, deceased**

Springfield, Missouri

**Frank S. Swisher died attempting to help save Frankie E. Swisher from drowning, Nixa, Missouri, May 27, 1989.** Frankie, 11, called for help after

he waded into deep water of the James River and floundered as he was being carried away by the current. His father, Swisher, 35, brick mason, who was nearby on the bank, immediately entered the river and swam toward him. Another man also entered the water for Frankie; that man swam to him and towed him back to the bank. Swisher too floundered in the deep water and called for help as the current took him away, and he submerged. He was later recovered from the river but could not be revived. 64106-7476

### PAUL TAFALLA

Garland, Texas

**Paul Tafalla saved Erica Rodriguez and Jessica D. Becerra from burning, Dallas, Texas, July 31, 1988.** Erica, 7, and Jessica, 2, were passengers of a van that collided with a pickup truck and was forced off the highway. Flames erupted on the van and spread to the dry grass beneath it. Tafalla, 43, optical technician, and his wife witnessed the collision and went to the van. Despite intense heat, dense smoke, and the flames, Tafalla reached into the van through a broken window on the driver's side and removed Erica, who was near the window. After handing Erica to his wife, who took her to safety, Tafalla then maneuvered part way into the burning van for Jessica, whom he then seized, removed through the same window, and handed to his wife. Aided by his wife and another man, Tafalla removed two other victims from the crash site moments before the van and pickup were engulfed in flames. Erica and Jessica were hospitalized for injuries received in the accident, and they recovered. 63308-7439

### JOHN JOSEPH THERIAULT

Bathurst, New Brunswick

**John Joseph Theriault helped to save Monique Daigle from falling, Bathurst, New Brunswick, March 30, 1989.** Miss Daigle, 18, fell about 30 feet from the top of a 130-foot-high cliff bordering the Tetagouche River before she grabbed hold of a young tree growing out of the cliff, thus stopping her fall. Alerted from his house nearby, Theriault, 29, store manager, went to the scene. Realizing that Miss Daigle was in a far more serious situation than he had foreseen, Theriault left to summon help, enlisting the aid of his brother. Returning to the cliff, Theriault began to descend it, in the dark, with his brother. They maneuvered along the face of the cliff, which contained patches of ice, and positioned themselves at a point just below Miss Daigle, intending to break her fall should she lose her hold. Rescue workers arrived and dropped a rope to them, but it was just beyond their grasp. With Theriault holding to his brother's belt, the brother leaned away from the cliff face and grasped the rope. After he tied the rope around himself, the rescue workers pulled him up to Miss Daigle's position, and he was able to secure her. As the rescue

workers then pulled him and Miss Daigle to the top of the cliff, Theriault returned unaided, retracing the course he and his brother had set out upon 90 minutes earlier.

64413-7487

**PIERRE O. THERIAULT**

Bathurst, New Brunswick

**Pierre O. Theriault helped to save Monique Daigle from falling, Bathurst, New Brunswick, March 30, 1989.** Miss Daigle, 18, fell about 30 feet from the top of 130-foot-high cliff bordering the Tetagouche River before she grabbed hold of a young tree growing out of the cliff, thus stopping her fall. Alerted from his house nearby, Theriault, 35, carpenter, went to the cliff and began to descend it, in the dark, with his brother. They maneuvered along the face of the cliff, which contained patches of ice, and positioned themselves at a point just below Miss Daigle, intending to break her fall should she lose her hold. Rescue workers arrived and dropped a rope to them, but it was just beyond their grasp. With his brother securing him by the belt, Theriault leaned away from the cliff face and grasped the rope. After he tied the rope around himself, the rescue workers pulled him up to Miss Daigle's position, where he was able to convince Miss Daigle to relinquish her hold of the tree. Theriault secured Miss Daigle to himself with the rope, and the rescue workers pulled both to the top of the cliff. Theriault's brother returned unaided, retracing the course he and his brother had set out upon 90 minutes earlier.

63984-7488

**DAVID H. THOMAS, deceased**

High Point, North Carolina

**David H. Thomas died attempting to save Evet D. Mack from drowning, Jamestown, North Carolina, May 26, 1989.** Miss Mack, 25, and two others were thrown into the water of High Point Municipal Lake when their paddle boat capsized. Miss Mack struggled in the water and yelled for help. Fishing from a nearby pier, Thomas, 30, bakery supervisor, immediately dived into the lake and swam to her. Reaching her, he pushed her toward the bank, then submerged. A man in a boat rescued Miss Mack and the others, but Thomas drowned.

64093-7428

**NORMAN J. THOMAS, deceased**

Seattle, Washington

**Norman J. Thomas died after attempting to save four teen-aged girls from drowning, Ocean Park, Washington, July 30, 1989.** Four 13-year-old girls were in wadable water of the Pacific Ocean when a strong current took them away from shore into water over their heads. They called for help. The grandfather of one of the girls, Thomas, 63, retired truck driver, waded and swam toward them from the beach, as did two other persons. Arriving volunteer firemen



shortly rescued the girls and the two other persons. The girls required hospital treatment for mild hypothermia, and they recovered. Thomas was removed from the ocean and was hospitalized, but he died two days later from the effects of the ordeal.

64289-7426

### **ANTHONY J. VACA**

Antioch, California

**Anthony J. Vaca saved Calvin W. Ricks, Brian L. Stanford, and Bradley S. Rohlfs from burning, Antioch, California, March 23, 1989.** Ricks, 17, was dazed, and Stanford and Rohlfs, both 33, were unconscious inside their vehicles, which caught fire immediately after a head-on collision. Vaca, 23, upholstery and carpet cleaner, witnessed the accident and, despite spreading flames, approached the wreckage. After attempting without success to open the driver's door of Ricks's car, Vaca reached through the open driver's window, released Ricks's seat belt, and pulled him through the window. Vaca then returned to the wreckage and opened the passenger door of Rohlfs's pickup. He reached inside, grasped Stanford, pulled him out, and dragged him away. Vaca returned to the burning vehicles for Rohlfs and again leaned into the pickup. He seized Rohlfs and pulled him through the passenger door. Within moments the vehicles were engulfed in flame. Ricks and Rohlfs required hospitalization for their injuries, from which they recovered, but Stanford's injuries were fatal.

63954-7409

### **JAMES KARL WEBB**

Fishkill, New York

**James Karl Webb helped to rescue William E. McElveen, Michael R. Purdin, and George K. Horne from burning, Buchanan, New York, April 11, 1989.** McElveen, 42; Purdin, 27, and Horne, 48, were dazed inside a car that had caught fire in a highway accident. Witnessing the accident, Webb, 25, security guard, and another man ran to the driver's door of the car and forced it open. Webb helped McElveen from the driver's seat and, as he led him away from the burning car, the other man removed Purdin from the back seat. Webb and the other man then returned to the car for Horne. Finding the passenger door jammed shut, Webb shattered its window with a rock, then reached inside to free Horne, who was pinned by wreckage. Despite intense heat inside the car and flames which had by then entered it, Webb and the other man grasped Horne and pulled him through the window. McElveen, Purdin, and Horne were hospitalized eight days for their injuries, Horne's including second- and third-degree burns to his legs. Webb sustained a minor cut to his hand and a pulled leg muscle. He recovered.

63960-7407

**KARL BERNHARD WEISS**

Orlando, Florida

**Karl Bernhard Weiss helped to save Michael A. Tucker from suffocation, Winter Park, Florida, December 9, 1988.** Tucker, 25, was in a bedroom of his first-floor apartment when a faulty heating unit filled the apartment with smoke. A neighbor returning home from work, Weiss, 19, truck loader, saw smoke issuing from the apartment and ran to Tucker's bedroom window. Seeing Tucker in bed, he entered the apartment through the window and unsuccessfully attempted to remove Tucker, who was unconscious, through the window. Forced outside by the smoke, Weiss broke a sliding glass door to the apartment and entered its living room, but again the dense smoke forced him out. Then, with another man, Weiss forced open the apartment's front door, re-entered the unit, and crawled through the apartment to Tucker's bedroom. They grasped Tucker and dragged him outside to safety. Tucker required five days' hospitalization for effects of the ordeal, and Weiss sustained minor smoke inhalation; both recovered. 63697-7430

**DERRICK A.J. WILSON**

Drumheller, Alberta

**Derrick A.J. Wilson rescued Dale A. Wilson from burning, Rosedale, Alberta, June 19, 1989.** Restrained by his seat belt, Wilson, 49, hanged upside down in his crop-dusting airplane after it crashed in a field, overturned, and caught fire. His nephew, Derrick, 18, farmer, saw the crash and immediately ran to the scene. Kneeling beside the plane, Derrick extended his upper body into the burning cockpit and patted out the flames on Wilson's clothing. He then released Wilson's seat belt and, lowering him, pulled him out of the plane and dragged him a safe distance away moments before the plane was engulfed in flame. Wilson was hospitalized six weeks for first-, second-, and third-degree burns to his hands, arms, and face and other injuries. Derrick sustained a second-degree burn to his right thumb, and he recovered. 64192-7436

**RONNIE GENE WOODALL**

Benson, North Carolina

**Ronnie Gene Woodall helped to rescue Brenda L. Capri from burning, Dunn, North Carolina, December 5, 1989.** Mrs. Capri, 26, was in the driver's seat of a burning van, pinned by the steering column, after a highway accident. Having observed the accident, Woodall, 36, prison supervisor, ran to the scene and entered the van through its rear doors. Unable to reach Mrs. Capri because of the dense smoke inside the van, he exited and went to the driver's door, where he joined a man who had opened the door and was holding Mrs. Capri. Partially entering the van, Woodall, using a piece of

metal, lifted the steering column from Mrs. Capri while the other man pulled her out. Woodall, the other man, and a third who had joined them then carried her to safety. The van was shortly engulfed in flame. Mrs. Capri was hospitalized 25 days for third-degree burns to her legs and other injuries. Woodall recovered from minor smoke inhalation. 64674-7501

KENNETH L. YANT, JR., deceased  
Indianapolis, Indiana

**Kenneth L. Yant, Jr., died attempting to save Richard L. Petty, Jr., from drowning, Martinsville, Indiana, August 26, 1989.** Richard, 11, yelled for help as he struggled in the strong current below a dam in the White River. Other members of his family jumped into the river to help him, but they too became caught in the current. Fishing nearby from the bank, Yant, 33, press operator, went to the scene, where another fisherman told him what was happening. Yant disrobed to his swimming trunks, dived into the river, and swam toward Richard. The other fisherman secured a rope, which he and one of Richard's family members used to pull Richard to the bank. While aiding the others, the fisherman saw Yant submerge near the face of the dam. He drowned. 64364-7485

1990 Award statistics

Medals

In 1990, one hundred and six Carnegie Medals were awarded, bringing the total to 7,511 since the Fund was established in 1904. To date, the Commission has considered 65,479 rescue acts.

Especially do we remember those who gave their lives saving or attempting to save others. During 1990, twenty-four such sacrifices were honored, bringing the total to date to 1,542:

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| John Kelly Aiena    | Betty Boyer Lamb      |
| Kurt A. Buffington  | Michael G. Martinez   |
| Clayton M. Cutter   | Jessie R. Moore       |
| Fraser Maxwell Dean | Sergio Alfredo Munoz  |
| John E. Dedon       | Ronny C. Odom         |
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| Dwain Hammond       | Frank S. Swisher      |
| Keith Arthur Jensen | David H. Thomas       |
| James Richard Kilby | Norman J. Thomas      |
| Scott Krueger       | Kenneth L. Yant, Jr.  |

Monetary grants

	1990	To date
For continuing support of widows, widowers, and other dependents, and disabled heroes	\$ 248,880	\$ 11,506,086
Monetary awards, including educational assistance, and medals	<u>345,119</u>	<u>7,313,671</u>
	\$ 593,999	\$ 18,819,757



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John G. Frazer, Jr.	1953	George H. Taber	1979
T. Herbert Hamilton	1976	Walter F. Toerge	1970
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Priscilla J. McCrady	1989	Alfred W. Wishart, Jr.	1976
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